

**System and Method to Allow Valid Profiles in  
Autonomic Computing Discovery**

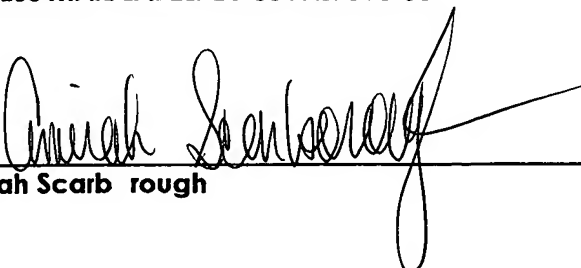
**ABSTRACT**

A system and method to allow valid profiles in  
5 autonomic computing discover is presented. A client  
accesses a network and sends a profile information request  
to a central computing device, such as a server. The  
server identifies client properties, such as the client's  
location and a user functionality description which  
10 corresponds to the client's user. The server uses the  
identified client properties to select an appropriate  
master profile from a master profile look-up table. The  
server sends master profile information, such as the master  
profile's pathname and revision time, to the client. In  
15 turn, the client determines whether it already has a valid  
profile or whether it should download an up-to-date  
version. If the client requires an up-to-date profile  
version, the client downloads the master profile from the  
server and uses the downloaded profile for various  
20 computing tasks.

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